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Dear Harold,

Please excuse long delay in writing - I've been busy as hell, tell you another time - however, nothing truly important, just earning a living.

Re China: I'm convinced, I'm convinced. However, if you substitute the country China with another country - would it make sense? Reason is based on very concrete information I got from Joel and a lawyer I talked to here from NY who was supposedly a friend of Joel's. He told me Joel's passport was stamped on entry into Taiwan about 1953. I told Joel about it who seemed very upset this lawyer (Edward Bobick of NYC described as the biggest milker of the Kaplan cow - yet from recent evidence I see he and Joel are still friends) gave me such information. Joel said he was going to go but changed his mind. When I relayed this message to Bobick he said funny Joel denied going when his passport shows he entered. What runs through my mind besides narcotic smuggling, is the fact Joel has never revealed (im even to the Ramparts thieves) how and where he met Vidal. The key could be in the Far East - Joel told me it was around 1950. He makes a point of not talking about it, especially where. What do you make of it?

I'm not at home so can't return your clippings but will in a day or two. Thanks for putting up with all the trouble you've had with me! - but still, something happened out there at least near China!

Might see you next month.

Best to you and Lil,

*Franc*